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Director's Notes - The Yokes On You!

I venture to guess that you have never used oxen to plow or cultivate your fields. And you probably have never hauled your grain to town in a cart pulled by them either. The beam that connects a pair of oxen is called a yoke, and the pair itself is called a yoke. In biblical references, yokes were generally assumed to be for oxen. Yeah, our farming practices in North Dakota have evolved quite a bit since the days when oxen were used. The Bible references yokes and oxen multiple times. One of those times is in Matthew 11:30: Jesus tells us that His yoke is easy and His burden is light. He says this in the context of weariness and burdens. The full passage is found in Matthew 11:28-30: "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. 29 Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."



Have you ever been weary or burdened? Everyone has at some point. We are just coming off the camp season. We are feeling a little weary and burdened. You may be going through an extreme time of weariness and burdens. It could be a loss or tragedy. There could be circumstances so overwhelming that you can't find your rest or peace right now. Whatever it is, let the Lord Jesus give you His yoke. The thing about a yoke is that when an ox is paired with another, they have six times the pulling power as one. So, when we allow Jesus to come alongside us, He can help us carry the weariness and burdens, and probably at a factor of much more than six times. I have gone countless times to read Matthew 11:28-30 in a time of need. If you are really going through it right now, read this passage again, and go to Jesus. Maybe it will be the first time for you or the hundredth, but the reminder is still valid. Go to Jesus! He is the burden carrier! He is the rest-giver! He will come alongside you and pull with you! Amen!

PRAYERS

- For impactful retreats at camp this fall.
- For continued evaporation on our lake.
- For ongoing resources - help, finances.
- For rest from a busy season for our staff.
- For a successful Golf Tourney scholarship fundraiser.
- For peace & comfort for FaHoCha families in grief.
- For our summer staff and campers to continue to train in their faith disciplines.

PRAISES

- For all the help given to complete the camp season.
- For all our prayer warriors and financial helpers.
- For the staff who served at camp this summer.
- For all the campers who attended this summer.
- For all the commitments & growth during camp.
- For the discipleship & leadership growth with staff.
- For all the hands that helped finish the game room / snack shack.

WISH LIST

- Misc. Dewalt tools and batteries
- Dewalt 7 1/4 circular saw
- Dewalt 60v batteries and charger
- Good single (extra long) & queen mattresses
- Full-size Side-by-Side

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HAPPY CAMPERING!



We had a good summer out at camp! 485 campers attended the FaHoCha-programmed camps. We still have 1 more Leadership / Discipleship Camp on Labor Day weekend for High School students. This number was down 3 campers from the previous season. There was a lot of fun, and life-changing decisions were made. We had the most campers ever in a season (134) indicate that they had put their faith and trust in Jesus for salvation. Many more indicated that they were renewing their faith walk with the Lord. More than 80% shared that they made some spiritual change while at camp!

One of the fun surprises for the campers was the unveiling of the new game room / snack shack. Camp is a place filled with laughter and cheer. From the chapel services and learning to the games, discussions, and competition, there is always something going on. I mean, who wouldn't love a good game of Zombie tag or a tube ride on the lake? But sometimes it's those little things, like processing what God is doing in your life around a campfire or having a camp counselor care enough to listen to you about your life. It sometimes is the special time together with your cabin at night in devotions before lights out. Whatever it is, the important part is the time spent together in the presence of the God who loves them and wants the best for them. We were blessed by all the campers and staff who were part of it, including all of the volunteers and helpers. Thanks, and blessings! Hope to see you again!



RETREATS

We will be hosting several retreats this fall! We are excited to serve more people than we normally would have contact with! The retreats that we will be hosting:

- ND Home School Association Board
- Labor Day Leadership/Discipleship Camp
- Calvary Chapel Church group
- END AFLC Pastors
- Connect 3:16 college ministry retreat

RENTALS

We were privileged to host two camps for the Eastern North Dakota District of the Association Free Lutheran Church. They have been with us for over 20 years. There were 46 campers at the Teen Camp and 33 campers at the Pre-Teen Camp.

It is a great thing for us to extend our season this way by hosting them. There are more kids on site studying and learning God's Word, and more ministry is happening. We have many bonds and connections that were made during these camps over the years!



24th Annual FaHoCha Open 2026



4 Person Team Scramble
3 Flight Format

\$100 per Golfer
\$400 per Business Team

Individual Contests
Door Prizes
Traveling Trophy

Hole-In-One & Putt Contests

swing for a chance to
win a prize!

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Creel Bay Golf Course Devils Lake, ND

1 PM Saturday, September 19th

This is a benefit tournament for FaHoCha Bible Camp to provide scholarships to underprivileged youth!

GOLF TOURNAMENT

The 24th Annual FaHoCha Open is coming up soon! This has been a great event to raise awareness of our camp ministry and for scholarship funds. Last year we were able to gift over \$19,000 in scholarships to campers! This event really helps us do that. It also helps open the door to great conversations with business people and participants about our ministry work and the Lord. Please reach out if you would like to participate in the event, sponsor a hole, or give a door prize!

Last year we had 17 teams, most of which had 4 players each. It was one of our best turnouts ever. We are hoping to build on that this year! It is a fun event with good food following. There are door prizes and placement prizes, including a hole-in-one contest. We play it in a golf scramble format, which is played as a team. There are mulligans and contests within the tournament as well. It is a fun day and event for golfers, not-quite-golfers, and weekend hackers alike. Come out and support this endeavor!

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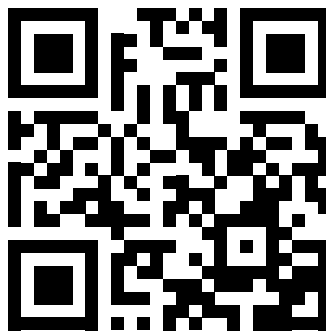
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